

The FCC should conclude ET Docket 04-186 and allow unlicensed devices to operate in the unused broadcast television spectrum known as "white spaces." Many markets have so few broadcast stations that less than a quarter of the channels are used. These white spaces represent billions of dollars of squandered public resources that could be used for wireless broadband.

The white spaces are perfectly suited for wireless broadband services. Using today's smart radio technologies, the FCC can leverage this vast swath of dormant public spectrum to generate local economic development, enhance our nation's economic competitiveness, and create opportunities for entrepreneurs. The FCC has received significant evidence proving that smart unlicensed devices will not interfere with other use.

The Commission should not allow this spectrum to be licensed – the public interest would be better served by expanding the availability of unlicensed airwaves. Making additional unlicensed spectrum available in these lower bands is crucial to the development of broadband access in the US and invaluable in the removal of barriers to broadband in rural areas. Reallocating this spectrum for unlicensed use will spur competition and innovation, and decrease the costs in the provision of broadband services. The FCC should move quickly to make this unlicensed available spectrum and quickly allow the development of smart radio devices.